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## **ABSTRACT**

Footwear with a lace fastening an opening with a first edge and a second edge. are juxtaposed and each carries a respective plurality of lacing eyes. At least two laces extend through respective pairs of the lacing eyes. The ends of both of the laces converge on both of the edges of the opening, with at least one end of each lace extending through a respective end lacing eye of the fastening provided on each of the opposite edges.